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## Press Release

### Harbor Dredging Future Opportunities for New Bedford

**New Bedford – On Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 7pm, at the New Bedford Public Library on William Street, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Harbor Development Commission (HDC) will host a public meeting to report on the progress of the Harbor Superfund Clean-up, navigational improvement dredging, and confined aquatic cell (CAD) technology. Over the past four years the EPA has provided regular updates to the public on the superfund dredging in the upper harbor. With an approximate \$8 million navigational dredge project underway funded with Seaport Council grant monies, the Harbor Development Commission will join the EPA in educating and informing the public on dredging progress and disposal alternatives.**

**The EPA, DEP and City of New Bedford are working collaboratively to utilize CAD cell technology to dispose of contaminated sediments in the Harbor from navigational dredging. Mayor Scott W. Lang meets regularly with the EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers, DEP and local officials to explore the potential of CAD cell technology for the superfund clean-up to lower the cost and time of the now approximate 40-year superfund clean-up effort. CAD cell technology has been used successfully in several New England harbors to date.**

**Mayor Lang commends the EPA for its willingness to partner with the City of New Bedford and commitment to restore the Harbor and the waterfront for the community, “The EPA’s cooperative approach has enabled us to take us a great step forward in building a thriving waterfront to be enjoyed by the people of New Bedford and our visitors.” Plans on the horizon include, greater recreational use of the upper harbor, bidding out a 6-acre property next to Fairhaven Mills, and creating public access corridors to the Harbor.**

**“We look forward to informing the public on the progress to date at the upcoming meeting and discussing the possibilities for future disposal alternatives for the Harbor Superfund clean-up,” said Dave Dickerson, co-project manager of the EPA clean-up.**

**Kristin Decas of the Harbor Development Commission commented on the importance of public participation on harbor dredging projects, “We encourage the public to join us on October 30 to both learn more about dredging projects in the Port and weigh in on the existing program and its future.”**

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